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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1902.

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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## BANKS.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNCALLED ..... 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... 8,710,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

TOKIO. KOBE.

NAGASAKI. LONDON.

LYONS. NEW YORK.

SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.

BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.

TIENTSIN. NEWCHWANG.

PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

PARR'S BANK, LTD.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent  
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent

6 " 4 "

3 " 3 "

TARO HODSUMI  
Manager.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1902.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND—  
Sterling Reserve ..... \$10,000,000

Silver Reserve ..... \$4,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. R. SHERMAN, Chairman.

A. HAUFF, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

Hon. C. W. Dickson, H. Schubart, Esq.

E. Goetz, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq.

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A. J. Raymond, Esq.

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Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent,

per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.

For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1902.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per  
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000

Paid up Capital ..... £344,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:

Chin Kit Shan, Esq. C. Evans, Esq.

Chow Tung Shang, Esq. Julius Focke, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed ..... 5 %

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1902.

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... (Sh. Taels) 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin Calcutta Hankow

Tientsin Tsingtao (Kiautschou)

LONDON BANKERS:

Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY

DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be

learned on application. Every description of

Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. SCHOTTLAENDER,

Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1902.

HONGKONG  
HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1900.

THE GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF  
NEW YORK.

(AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.

U.S. Gold  
PAID UP CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000  
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$4,758,600

TOTAL ..... \$6,758,600

HEAD OFFICE: NEW YORK.

Directors:

Samuel D. Babcock. Adrian Iselin Jr. James N. Jarvie.  
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George S. Bowdoin. Frederick Cromwell. Richard A. McCurdy.  
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E. H. Harriman. G. G. Haven. Alexander E. Orr.  
R. Somers Hayes. Henry Rogers. H. McK. Twombly.  
Charles R. Henderson. Harry Payne Whitney.

Walter G. Oakman, President.  
Adrian Iselin Jr., Vice President.  
Geo. R. Turnbull, Vice President.  
Henry A. Murray, Vice President.  
John Gault, Manager, Foreign Dept.  
Win. C. Edwards, Treasurer.  
E. C. Hebbard, Secretary.  
R. C. Newton, Trust Officer.

London Committee:  
Arthur John Fraser, (Chairman).  
Donald C. Haldean, Honorable Levi P. Morton.

LONDON OFFICE:  
33 and 35, Lombard Street, E.C.  
F. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:  
PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:  
4, DES VŒUX ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business  
transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts at 2% per annum.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 2½% per annum.

" 6 " 3½ " "

" 12 " 4% " "

N. G. EVANS,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1902.

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IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE  
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:  
CANTON. PEKING.  
CHEFOO. PENANG.  
CHINKIANG. SINGAPORE.  
CHUNKING. TIENTSIN.  
HANKOW.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection  
Bills of Exchange drawn on the above  
places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans  
fers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

6 " "

E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1901.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE  
HOLDER'S ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £650,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per

annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" 6 " 3½ " "

" 3 " 2½ " "

T. P. COCHRANE,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1902.

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COIR ROPES AND HAWSERS

of best quality, in all sizes, always in Stock at moderate prices.

Apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1902.

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Johnson's Digestive Tablets.

THE GREAT REMEDY FOR

Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Flatulency and

Acidity of the Stomach.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

14, Des Vœux Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1900.

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## Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

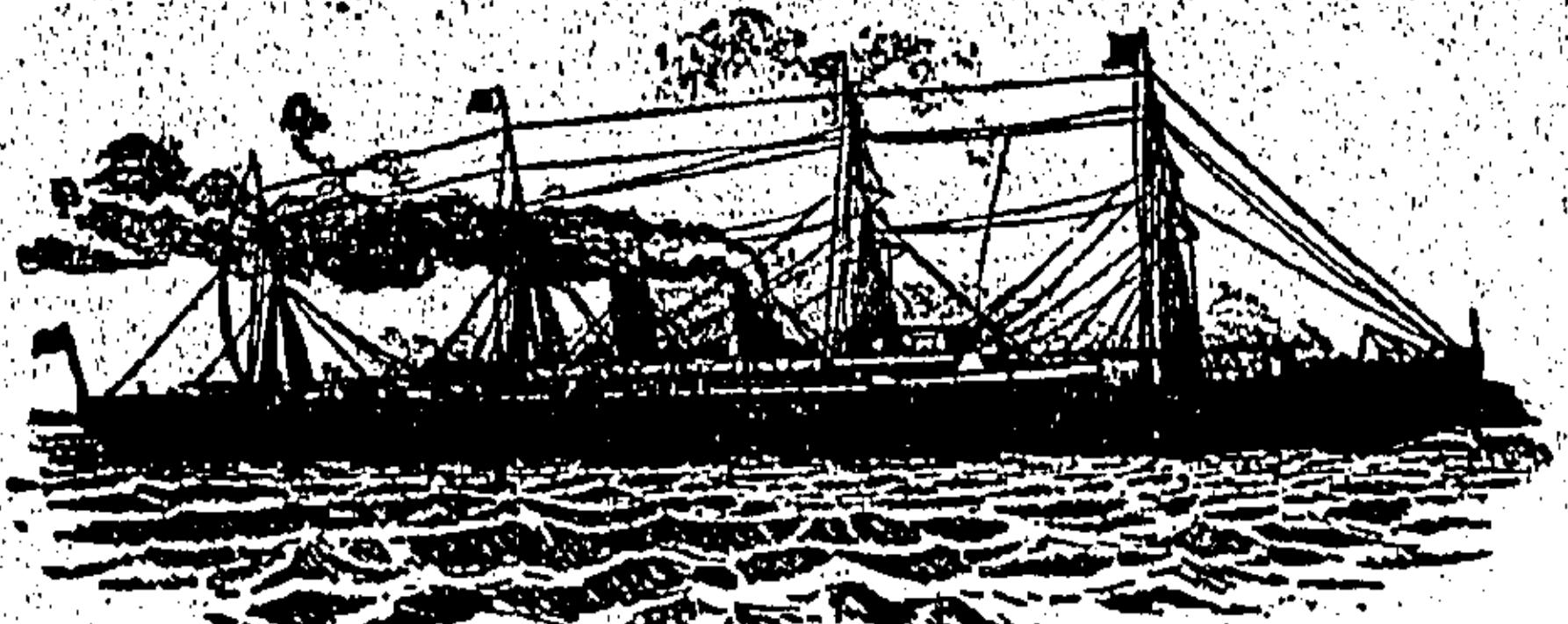
SHANGHAI Bengal A. L. Valentini Noon, 20th June...Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. Chusan\* C. L. Daniel Noon, 21st June...Freight or Passage.

SINGAPORE Nankin C. J. Benton About 24th June...Freight only

MAIL

## U.S. MAIL LINES.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"PERU" .....	TUESDAY, 24th June, at Noon.
"COPTIC" .....	THURSDAY, 3rd July, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU" .....	SATURDAY, 12th July, at Noon.
"CITY OF PEKING" .....	SATURDAY, 19th July, at Noon.
"GAELIC" .....	TUESDAY, 26th July, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU" .....	TUESDAY, 5th August, at Noon.

THE P.M. Company's Steamship "PERU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all Trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Points, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN POINTS; Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing, Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment), when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1902

## SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE EAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA &amp; VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin-Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

R.M.S. TARTAR .....	Comdr. E. Beetham, R.N.R., SATURDAY, 21st June.
" EMPRESS OF INDIA" .....	Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 25th June.
" EMPRESS OF JAPAN" .....	Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 16th July.
" ATHENIAN" .....	Comdr. H. Mowatt, SATURDAY, 26th July.
" EMPRESS OF CHINA" .....	Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 6th Aug.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Gold for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the EXQUISITE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &amp;c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1902.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
OSTASIASTISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
STRASSBURG .....	MA SEILLE, HAVRE & HAMBURG (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	1st July.	Freight and Passengers.
SAMBIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	15th July.	Freight.
SILESIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	30th July.	Freight and Passengers.
C. FERD. LAEISZ .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	14th Aug.	Freight.
WURZBURG .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	28th Aug.	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

HONGKONG OFFICE,

No. 1 Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1902.

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## Notice of Firm.

## NOTICE.

DURING my ABSENCE from This Date I have appointed MR. JOHN ALLAN PATERSON to act as my ATTORNEY in the Management of my business and to sign the Name of my Firm "E. C. WILKS & CO. p. pro. J. A. PATERSON" Dated this 2nd day of June, 1902.

E. C. WILKS.

## Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG.

## PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN KENNEDY, LATE OF VICTORIA, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, DAIRYMAN and LIVERY STABLE KEEPER ....., deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour the Chief Justice has, in virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1897, made an Order limiting to the 12th day of August, 1902, as the time for Creditors to send in their Claims against the Estate of JOHN KENNEDY, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Dairyman and Livery Stable Keeper, who died on the 19th day of April, 1902, at Victoria, aforesaid and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong on his Probate Jurisdiction on the 25th day of April, 1902, to DAVID KENNEDY of Victoria aforesaid, Assistant to the late JOHN KENNEDY, and GODFREY CORNEWALL CHESTER MASTER of Victoria aforesaid, Solicitor, two of the Executors named in the Will of the said JOHN KENNEDY.

NOTICE is also given that all such Claims are to be sent in writing to the Undersigned prior to the said 12th day of August, 1902, or no notice will be taken of them.

All persons indebted to the above Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Undersigned.

Dated the 12th day of May, 1902.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,  
12, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

[53d] Solicitors for the said Executors.

FOOK WO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 43, Bonham Strand, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of June, at 12 o'clock, Noon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 10th day of June, 1902, will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1ST RESOLUTION.

That Article 71 shall be cancelled and that the following Article shall be substituted therefor:

71. The First Directors and the Secretaries named in these Articles shall be paid for founders' remuneration in each year 13½% of the net profits of the Company to be divided into 29 shares, of which 4 shares shall be given to each of the Managing Directors, 1 share to each of the other First Directors, 3 shares to the Chief Secretary, and 2 shares to each of the Assistant Secretaries, and the first Directors and the Secretaries named in these Articles shall also be paid 5% for founders' remuneration of the net profit of the Company in each year to be divided among them in proportion to the number of shares taken up by them and by such Shareholders as they introduced on the formation of the Company. The Managing Directors shall also divide 1½% of the net profits of the Company among the Officers of the Company other than those before mentioned in these Articles for good service in such manner as the Managing Directors shall determine.

2ND RESOLUTION.

That Article 72 shall be cancelled and that the following Article shall be substituted therefor:

72. If the First Directors and the Secretaries named in these Articles or any of them shall vacate their offices either by resignation or death or any other cause, their successors shall only be entitled to one half of such Founders' remuneration (as provided in the preceding clause) and the other half share be paid to the Director or Secretary so retiring or to the legal personal representative of such Director or Secretary so dying as aforesaid.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WONG YU TUNG,  
Chief Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1902.

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CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION  
OF THEIR MAJESTIES THE  
KING AND QUEEN.

THE ADDRESS from the COMMUNITY to H. M. THE KING is now ready for Signature. Copies will be found at the following Places:

The Hongkong Club.

The German Club.

The Portuguese Club.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

The Hongkong Dispensary.

Those desirous of signing the Address are requested to do so as promptly as possible.

EDBERT A. HEWITT,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th June, 1902.

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CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND.

THE Undersigned will be glad to receive

Subscriptions towards the above Fund.

Lists may be found at the HONGKONG HOTEL, HONGKONG CLUB, HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., KELLY & WALSH, LTD., W. BREWER & CO., and at the various Banks.

J. R. M. SMITH,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1902.

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PUPILS WANTED.

FOR PIANOFORTE, or SINGING, by a Lady possessing the Diplomas of the Guildhall School of Music and Trinity College, London, (Honours).

Apply to

MUSIC,  
C/o This Office.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1902.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
HONGKONG OFFICE,  
No. 1 Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1902.

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## Consignees.

## AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

## FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

## THE Steamship

STRANGE TALES FROM  
HANGCHOW.

BAD JOSS.

Writing to a Shanghai paper from Hangchow, a correspondent calls attention to the disquieting fact that numerous wild rumors and magical stories are once more in circulation there, as they were this time two years ago and indeed just before every outbreak of trouble in China. Old residents need not be told that the circulation of these "josses" is invariably one of the preliminary symptoms of trouble in China, where the minds of the people are generally prepared for mischief by the propagation of the most absurd stories, about animals, new born children and inanimate objects, generally some "joss," uttering strange oracular utterance. The ignorant people are invariably ready to swallow these stories with avidity and to prepare their minds by the repetition of wild stories, absurd prophecies and superstitions, for any mischief that may come along. Needless to say fomenters of trouble are always ready to take advantage of this mental attitude to work out their...

UNHOLY SCHEMES.

and for this reason, what western people would otherwise merely smile at as absurdities of eastern crudity, often became invested with a sinister importance to those whose experience proves that such apparent trivialities cannot be ignored amongst such unreasoning and silly people as the Chinese are in these matters. One of the tales now in circulation in Hangchow is of this character and is being passed along from mouth to mouth with countless variations. It runs that to a certain large bridge, near which there are shops for the sale of foreign goods, came a man recently with a peep show, and putting his stall near a tree, hung out a large placard on which was written that the charge to look into this peep show was \$30, the usual price being 6 cash. The Chinese yoked and passed along, many making game of the man, who...

STUCK TO HIS STALL.

till one day a rich man passed and thought he would like to have a look and felt in his pockets. But he had only \$28 with him which he offered to the showman but no, nothing would satisfy the mad less than \$30 down, so that his curious patron sent his servant to borrow \$2 and on receiving it and making payment to the showman he was allowed to look at last. The first thing he saw were rows of Chinese houses, all the people looking prosperous and happy. On looking again a large country with abundant crops growing on all sides, but the third time he looked he saw all the country covered with dead bodies not only of Chinese but foreigners, English, Japanese, German and French, lying on each other on the ground.

HIDEOUS PILES.

This was all he saw. The man returned to his home dissatisfied at the poor return for his \$30, and on reaching his house he took two dollars to send back to his friend to repay the loan. His servant came back and said that he had sent back the \$2 before, and the man said "No" but the friend said he had. Then he felt in his coat pocket and drew out the whole \$28.

The people say the showman was a "Joss," or wizard who came to warn people of what is coming after a good harvest. They are thus warned to look for trouble and fighting and the rich man was allowed to see it to warn them all. Ridiculous, of course, as the story is it is greatly disturbing the good citizens of Hangchow.

THE EMPEROR TAKES AN INTEREST IN SHANGHAI.

It cannot fail to be gratifying to the residents of Shanghai, says a local paper, to learn that his Majesty the Emperor Kuanhsu is deeply interested in everything that pertains to the progress and prosperity of these Settlements. He gave unmistakable evidence of this solicitude a few days ago when Huang Chien-yuan, Judge designate of Hunan, was received by him in audience. Huang, it will be remembered, is one of the Chinese Commercial Commissioners, and has been associated with Sheng Hsuan-hui in the negotiations connected with the projected revision of the Tariff, ever since the commencement. In the course of the audience alluded to, his Majesty put a number of intelligent questions to the Commissioner relative to...

THE WORD OF HONOUR.

SHANGHAI'S COMMERCIAL STATUS, and the conditions of life here, native and foreign; and having had his curiosity settled upon these points, he proceeded to tell Huang how much he was interested in everything that concerned these Settlements. Shanghai was the place, he said, to which he looked as the real fountain whence reform and progress are to issue for the regeneration of the entire empire. He then proceeded to enquire into the financial and commercial status of the Empire at large and asked if Huang could suggest any means by which native commerce could be fostered. In the course of his reply Huang described the negotiations which are now in progress for the revision of the tariff, and his Majesty was gracious enough to express his entire approval of everything that his Commissioners had done in this connection.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Count D'Abbins, the French Consul at Singapore, had a narrow escape from a watery grave on the 10th inst., says the *Straits Times*. The Count has a small launch which he had arranged to meet at Johnston's Pier in the morning about 11 o'clock. As, however, the little vessel did not put in an appearance, the Count decided to go in it himself to Pulau Brani where he expected to find the launch. He embarked in it and, after traversing

went well till the boat neared Tanjong Pagar, when a squall sprang up and the sampan was swamped. The representative of France went plumb down beneath the waves, but he came up again, and after lightening himself by casting out of his pockets sundry dollars, he made for the shore and, after a considerable buffeting and much bobbing up and down for some three or four hundred yards, reached the shore in safety but exhausted. The sight of a EUROPEAN HALF FULL OF SALT WATER, sitting on the shore, was quite enough to excite the curiosity of a number of natives, among whom was a policeman. The representative of the law wanted to arrest the Count because he thought he might be an escaped person from one of the ships in harbour. While the argument went on, however, the Count managed to clear his throat of the salt water, and with the aid of some Malay and a little backtalk succeeded in convincing the onlookers that he really was the Consul for France, whereupon he was allowed to go. We are glad to hear that Count D'Abbins suffered no harm from the immersion, though had he not been a strong swimmer the episode might have had a different termination.

SIAMESE FISHING-BOAT FIRED AT BY MALAYS IN THE PENINSULA.

A Siamese Government employee, says the *Siam Free Press*, who has just returned from the coast on his way from Singora, brought the startling tale that a number of armed Malays fired on a Siamese fishing-boat which called at Patani. The account says that the Siamese owners of the boat were in the habit of trading with the natives of that place, and used to barter and sell their goods there. And on this occasion, when they arrived, they were altogether taken aback by the hostile attitude of the natives. When their presence became known, many Malays assembled and ordered them to clear off as soon as possible, or they would kill them. On inquiring what was the reason, the Malays answered that they would destroy everything coming from Siam because the King had taken their Rajah a prisoner and kept him in chains in some dark dungeon in a jungle and they would...

KILL ALL THE SIAMESE

they could catch in return. Upon hearing this the party put out to sea under a volley of lead from the Malay rifles, many of the bullets hitting the craft, so that those on board had to lay flat within the boat.

Afterwards they called at Singora and related their story there, but the people of that state proved no less hostile, but did not threaten their lives. However, they said that they would do everything possible to be avenged on the Bangkok Government to which they would never submit. When the Siamese party returned to their boat they found that all their goods had disappeared! This is the story of the Siamese official, and we do not for a moment doubt the veracity of his statement, as he is well-known to us.

After this no one will doubt the story of the foul-play practised on the transport *Chamroen* by the revengeful Malays.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

For Messageries Maritimes steamer *Australasia*, from Marseilles, May 10.—To Shanghai: Mr. Beaujouan. To Hongkong: Mr. J. Romany. To Haiphong: Mr. and Mrs. Spa and a child, Mr. Figet, Mr. Baily and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louvet and child, Mr. and Mrs. Nicole and child. To Saigon: Mr. and Mrs. Mayer. To Batavia: Mr. Anthony, Mr. Garza. To Singapore: Mr. and Mrs. Warlomont, Mr. Van Elmen, Capt. P. B. Lawson.

For Messageries Maritimes steamer *Ernest Simon*, from Marseilles, June 1.—To Saigon: Mr. de Lamotte, Mr. Eberhard, Mrs. Verret and a child. To Batavia: Mr. F. Lucarde.

For P. & O. steamer *Victoria*, connecting with the steamer *Patela* at Colombo, from London, May 29.—To Hongkong: Mr. A. Warner, Commander R. Nugent, Mr. F. Harris, Mr. Ling, Mr. C. H. Parker, Mrs. Day and 3 children, Mrs. Hutchinson and a child, from Marseilles.—To Penang: Ms. T. C. Hincks, Miss Hincks. From Hindostan: To Hongkong: Rev. C. H. Brent. From Fort Said.—To Hongkong: Mr. R. Muir.

Per Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Sachsen*, from Bremen, May 15, and Southampton, May 20. To Shanghai: Mr. Hardy and a child, Miss Cleary, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Niven and infant. To Singapore: Mr. John Calder. To Penang: Mr. E. D. Cooper and children.

Per Imperial German mail steamer *Klausthal*, from Hamburg, May 19, and Southampton, June 3.—To Shanghai: H. E. Sir Ch. Chen Loenglin, Lady Lob, Miss Lo and Flora, Lu, Masters Hien and Yee, Masters Sing and Yung, Messrs. Yu, Lu, Ling, Mr. C. Lowe, Mrs. Lu and 3 children, Messrs. Le-Tsung Toon, Le-Tsue-Yian, P. R. L., Yu-Djen Lo, Mrs. Reilly, Mr. Lew, Mr. Lu, Mr. Wei, Mr. Kuo, Mr. E. Libeau. To Singapore: Mr. Dunn and child, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Griffiths, Mr. J. S. Mitchell.

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## DEATHS.

On the 8th inst., at The Homestead, Penang, GERALD THOMAS BARTLETT, the infant son of Thomas and Helen Gawthorpe. Aged 9 months 23 days.

On the 9th instant, at Berlin, MAGARETE ESCHKE, youngest daughter of Mr. H. Eschke, one year old.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1902.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE FINISHED  
CAMPAIGN.

Reuter's telegram from South Africa informing us that Lord KITCHENER states that the surrenders in the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies are now complete and reach the large number of 16,520 men and 16,124 rifles, will come as a surprise to almost everyone conversant with the history of this long and disastrous war. To non-Britishers it will be even a greater surprise, for it has been the taunt of foreigners, and more especially of the yellow Continental Press, that a British Army of nearly a quarter of a million men was being baffled and outwitted by a mere handful of undrilled and undisciplined Boer peasants. But when the history of the war is given out to the world, and the facts become known an entirely different light will be thrown on the scene, and it will be found that, instead of the British fighting a supposed mere handful of untrained and undisciplined Boer peasants, they have been opposed, from the very commencement of the war, by a large force, drawn from some of the very best talent of most of the European and American armies, many of whom have a thorough practical knowledge of the country in which they have been fighting. We should be the last to in any way depreciate the valour, skill and endurance of our late Boer foes, who throughout the long and tedious campaign have fought with a persistency and courage which has deserved and received the unstinted praise of every true born Briton, and who we hope soon to find among the staunchest of our colonists; but we have always felt convinced, as have most Britishers, that in the late war—now happily brought to an honorable termination—the British have not been contending only against the fighting element of two small, though brave and patriotic republics, but have been fighting against some of the best trained and most modern specialists in the art of war from almost every civilized country in the world, unfortunately, not excepting our own and supported by numbers of ordinary fighting men much larger than the two republics could produce from among their own subjects. Should it be possible at some future date to get approximately correct statistics of the full fighting strength of our late foes, their nationality, rank and station, together with the number of those who have died from wounds and disease, or who have deserted, returned to their own country or crossed the borders with the object of finding new homes or founding new colonies, it will be very interesting reading and will prove to the whole world that the British, from the very commencement of the war, have been opposed by a very much larger force and of far greater skill and training than any but the Boers themselves have had any idea of. It will also be interesting to know when the Boers first conceived the idea of preparing for war against the British, how they procured the foreign aid, both in men and money, the number and amount they received and from what sources; also the total cost of the war since its inception until the liquidation of all its consequent expenses. It is probable that as the Boers begin to feel the advantages and blessings of British rule they will by degrees make known these secrets and should they do so they will assist in revealing to the world the power and strength of the British Empire both in peace and war, in the same way as the war has proved the unity which exists between all our colonies and the Mother Country.

## LEGAL AND GENERAL.

THE FRENCH MAIL of the 19th May was delivered in London on the 18th inst.

THE PLAGUE RETURN for the twenty-four hours ended at noon to-day shows 6 cases, fatal.

THE CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND has now reached the substantial sum of \$23,164.49.

THE KING OF SIAM has bestowed the Order of the Maha Chakri on the Grand Duke Boris of Russia.

THE FRENCH COMIC OPERA COMPANY, from Saigon, will give a concert at the Peak Hotel to-morrow night.

ANOTHER MARINE COURT will assemble at the Harbour Office to-morrow, to enquire into the stranding of the British s.s. Robert Dickinson.

SEÑOR APARICIO, Consul for Spain, at Shanghai, has been attacked by cholera necessitating his removal to the General Hospital. According to latest news he was sinking on the 13th inst.

WEI-HAI-WEI.—The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner at Wei-hai-wei, has appointed Messrs. L. F. Bridges (Chairman), D. Clark and G. L. Ferguson an Advisory Council to advise him regarding local affairs for the island of Liu-kung-tao.

A CORONATION PRESENT reached the Office of the Hongkong Telegraph this afternoon, and Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. have the thanks of the staff for the glasses, coins and tray with which the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company are advertising their celebrated Kaiman Beer. Messrs. Watson & Co. are the sole agents in Hongkong.

## COMPLAINT FROM CHINANFU.

The authorities of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs in Chinanfu recently complained to Governor Chang Jen-chu of Shantung that they found the local authorities of several counties of the province, in the habit of entering into unsatisfactory contracts with the Germans in regard to railway matters etc. without having first consulted the authorities of the Bureau and requested the Governor to notify all the district magistrates in the province that they were not permitted to make any more such contracts without the consent of the authorities of the Bureau.

## GAMBLING LEGALISED IN KWANGSI.

Several influential members of the local gentry of Kwangsi, headed by Lung Hsin Tang, have sent in a petition to the Governor of the province, offering to pay the Provincial Government the sum of \$410,000 per annum, if they are permitted to establish the "Weisching Lottery" and the Fantan gambling throughout Kwangsi in imitation of the practice in Kwangtung. The Governor has issued a proclamation announcing that he has accepted the offer and authorised the forms of gambling described in the petition to be inaugurated in Kwangsi at once.

## THE FASTEST YACHT IN THE WORLD.

Messrs. Yarrow and Company, of Poplar, will launch in a few weeks' time a wonderful steam yacht which they are building to the order of Colonel McCalmon, M.P. She will be fitted with turbine engines, and will have a speed of 24 knots, or half a knot more than that of the *Deutschland*, the fastest liner in the world. She will be the fifth turbine-propelled vessel to be built, the previous ones being to *Turbina*, the *Viper*, the *Cobra*, and the *King Edward*. Two other turbine yachts are also building: one is for Sir Christopher Furness and another for Mr. A. L. Barbour, of New York. The former is being constructed at Glasgow, and the other at Leith.

## FRENCH SCHEMES AT HANKOW.

M. H. de Marilly, French Consul at Hankow, sought an interview recently with the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung and endeavoured to secure his approval of a scheme whereby it was contemplated to extend the French Settlement as far as the terminus of the Lu-han railway. Chang Chih-tung in turn consulted the British Consul on the subject and from him received every encouragement to resist the demand. The French Consul, upon being apprised of the Viceroy's hostility to the scheme, referred the matter to the Chinese Foreign Office through the medium of the French Minister at Peking, but on learning of this step the Viceroy immediately telegraphed to the capital representing that if the demand of the French Consul were complied with it would be tantamount to surrendering the entire control of the line to the French, who already had too much influence over the work. What the upshot of the matter will be remains to be seen.

## THE HON. TREASURER OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHERSOLE HOSPITALS BEGS TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL DONATIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE HOSPITALS FOR 1901, MR. HO FOOK:-

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Yan Wo.....	10
Tai Hing.....	10
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## THE POPULATION OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The annual report for 1901 on the births and deaths in the Settlement has been issued, and contains amongst other information the following:—The total number of births registered was 14,568 equal to a crude birth rate of 25.37 per thousand.

Excluding Malaca and Province Wellesley, the births in

several Settlements exceeded those for 1900.

In Singapore and Penang, the great pre-

ponderance of males over females accounted for the low birth rate.

There were 2,573 male and 6,995 female children born.

The death rate was 39.85 which is noted as being high and

there were in all 22,876 deaths, about 500 more

than last year.

The greatest number of deaths occurred during May, June, and July.

The death rate was lowest among Europeans 20.28

and highest among the Indians 47.07.

Cholera was responsible for 143 deaths, and the general mortality rate has risen nearly 3.75 per mille.

## NEW FRENCH TARGETS.

An official document issued by the French War Office gives a full description of the construction of the new figure targets which are made chiefly of wicker and are recommended for their weight and small cost, as compared with those made entirely of wood. The frame work of wicker is strengthened internally by a wooden upright with cross battens, and is covered with light packing cloth over which paper is pasted and smoking black.

The cost of an upright figure is 6d, of the kneeling figure 5d, and of the

figure lying down (head and shoulders)

rather less than 3d, their respective weights being 3lb., and 2lb., and 1.7lb.

In using the upright figures 12 of them are fastened in a row on a narrow plank, which turns on its supports, so that the figures can readily be brought from a vertical to a horizontal position or vice versa.

The damage to the figures caused by the bullets striking them can be easily repaired, and they are not spoiled by the

water if left to stand until they are dry.

## RUMOUR SAYS THAT SOME WRECKAGE OF THE

Siam navy vessel *Chamroe* has been found. It is said that a boat and some dead bodies and some things belonging to the unfortunate vessel have been thrown up by the waves on the beach of an island in the Gulf of Siam.

NEW BANGKOK CHANNEL.

On May 23rd, the steamer *Kong Beng* went out from Bangkok through the new channel, drawing 13 feet, and steered one course from the inner black buoy right out. The new channel seems to offer many advantages, and would enable ships to load 3 or 4 inches more, as the shallow water on the middle ground is avoided.

This is the first large merchant steamer to navigate this channel. She was taken through by Captain Shepherd.

## THE CORONATION FESTIVITIES AT ST.

Louis, the capital of Mauritius, will commence on the 26th and end on the 28th June. The festivities organised by Government will be held on the 26th, and will consist of a

telegram to the King; a *72 Demi* at St. Louis Cathedral and a Thanksgiving Service at St. James's Cathedral; a levee; a review, distribution of toys and cakes to the inmates of the Orphanages and to soldiers' children; a ball at Government House; and illuminations.

SOME ANXIETY was caused in Bangkok by

the reported presence of a man supposed to be a Polish anarchist, who was suspected of a

design to assassinate the Grand Duke. It appears that on Monday the pilot engine which preceded the special train returning from

to Ayuthia ran into an obstruction on the line. No harm was done, and the obstruction was

## TELEGRAMS.

(REUTERS.)

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, June 17th.  
The House of Commons will adjourn on the 25th instant until the end of July.A REVIEW OF TROOPS  
IN LONDON.

King Edward refrained from attending the review of troops held in London yesterday, but afterwards drove with Queen Alexandra to Windsor.

The review was spoiled somewhat by rain, but it was nevertheless a great military display. Altogether 31,000 troops with 102 guns took part in the ceremony.

LATER.

## THE KING'S HEALTH.

King Edward was benefited by his long drive to Windsor, and was much better yesterday evening when he entertained a party at dinner at the Castle.

## CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

The Earl of Onslow entertained a party of Coronation notabilities, including Prince Komatsu, at the theatre, yesterday evening, and afterwards at supper.

THE SOUTH AFRICA  
SURRENDERS.

Lord Kitchener reports that the surrenders in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony are now completed, with a total of 16,520 men and 16,124 rifles. In Cape Colony there are, so far as is known, only 150 men still to come in.

## ROYAL ASCOT.

Queen Alexandra and other Royalties drove to Ascot to witness the racing in a State procession, the weather being brilliant.

King Edward remained at Windsor Castle, but drove in the Park in a closed carriage during the afternoon.

THE SINKING OF THE  
"PAKSHAN."

## MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Marine Court assembled at the Harbour Master's Office at ten o'clock this morning for the purpose of enquiry into the circumstances attending the sinking of the British steamer "Pakshan," in Hongkong Harbour on the night of the 2nd instant.

The Court consisted of the Hon. Commander R. Murray-Ramsey, R.N. (presiding), Lieut. F. W. H. Janies, R.N. (H.M.S. "Tamar"), Mr. Edward Bethan (Master, "Tamar"), William Douglas Welsh (Master, "Mutan"), and John Gould (Chief Engineer, "Tamar").

Mr. E. J. Grist, of the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Gris, appeared on behalf of the master of the "Pakshan," Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings; watched the proceedings in the interests of the first and second engineers of the steamer, and Mr. G. C. Master, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master, attended on behalf of the owners.

The President opened the proceedings by reading a letter from the agents, Messrs. Bradley and Co., to the effect that the "Pakshan" sank in the harbour, in about eight fathoms of water, at 11:55 p.m. on the night of the 2nd inst. They pointed out that the accident was due to the Third Engineer removing a wrong-valve cover in the engine room.

The evidence of the witnesses was then proceeded with, the first to be taken being Capt. J. Reid, who said that the owners of the vessel were Messrs. J. W. Richardson, and that she was chartered by Messrs. Bradley and Co. of Hongkong. She arrived from Saigon on the 28th inst. and was moored to the company's buoy. There was a cargo aboard at the time of the disaster *viz.* 800 bags of rice, the ship being half-loaded. Most of the rice was in No. 2 and No. 3 holds, and a little in No. 1, 'tween decks and lower hold. There was 207 tons of coal in the bunkers. Witness was ashore at the time of the disaster and was informed by No. 1 comrade at 8:40 p.m. that the vessel was making water. He at once hired a steam launch and went off to the vessel and got on board at 9:15 p.m. He found over four feet of water in the engine room, and immediately ordered the ports to be closed fore and aft. The Chief Engineer then informed him that the 3rd engineer had removed the cover off the wrong valve. The second Mate was passing tarpaulins under the bow and witness told him to do the best he could and went ashore and communicated with the Dock Company, at the same time telephoning to the marine superintendent telling him the state of affairs and requesting him to send to the Dock for divers and pumping engines. He then proceeded to the Docks, and afterwards alongside of the "Tamar," where most of the crew were ashore. But they were immediately sent for. At 11:30 p.m. he got back to the ship and found she had a list to starboard. He did not go on board as every one was out of her. At 11:55 p.m. the ship sank stern first and disappeared from view. When he went ashore earlier in the day the chief and second officers were aboard. At 6:50 p.m. the chief officer went ashore. The Company had a regulation requiring that one officer and one engineer were always to be on board. He was not aware of any particular work going on in the engine room. Usually work was finished at 5 p.m. He did not know any reason why work should have been going on later that day. There was steam up in the donkey boiler. The tarpaulin, which was dragged under the ship by ropes had no effect, as the tide was

too strong to get it tight. No signals were made for assistance.

By the President—He was aware of Port Regulations providing signals of distress.

Continuing witness said the ship was in about seven fathoms of water. He did not consider shifting from the buoy and towing in shoal water, because a strong tide was running and junks and steamers were ahead and astern and considering the 1st the ship might have turned over if they had attempted to tow her. He did not ask assistance from other steamers, but went ashore as fast as he could to get help from the Dock Company. He gave orders on the Saturday to fill the ballast tanks. Cargo work stopped on the evening in question at 5 o'clock. The mate and second mate were working the tarpaulins when he arrived alongside. They were properly made fast but could not be got over the right place.

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